

# Nursing Program

Cox College offers Associate, Bachelor, and Master level nursing programs with career ladder options available to help achieve your education goal. The nursing profession is a rewarding career path offering flexible schedules, diverse areas of patient care, and even traveling the world! We want to help you find the education path that works best for you.

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## Admission check list

1. Complete & submit the Cox College application along with \$50 application fee through one of the following methods:  
*Priority service date: A minimum of 2 months prior to the start of the semester.*
- Complete the application online at [www.coxcollege.edu](http://www.coxcollege.edu)
  - Request a Cox College application by mail and return it to the College
  - Attend one of our Open House events

You will be contacted by an admissions counselor within 2-3 weeks via email or mail. He/she will let you know what additional documents and/or transcripts are needed.

2. Complete your FAFSA application at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov). Our school code is 013877. *Not required by recommended.*  
*Priority service date: A minimum of 4 weeks prior to the start of the semester.*
- Visit [www.FederalStudentAid.ed.gov](http://www.FederalStudentAid.ed.gov) for more info on financial aid.
  - Contact our Financial Aid department at 417/269-3401 for assistance.

3. Request that your official transcripts be sent to Cox College
- We will need your high school transcript or GED.
  - We will need your transcripts from ALL colleges/universities in which you have completed college level courses.
  - It can take up to 3 weeks for us to receive your transcripts once you have requested them to be sent.

4. Take entrance exam
- You will need to take the TEAS exam if:
    1. You have completed less than 12 college credit hours and have not taken the ACT or SAT within the last 5 years or,
    2. You have an ACT score below 18.
  - Contact the Academic Resource Center at 417/269-3225 to schedule exam.

5. Apply to the specific program by the listed deadline if you meet the program requirements.

6. Take HESI A2 exam. To be scheduled with the Academic Resource Center at 417/269-3225.

Mail application and materials to: Cox College • 1423 N. Jefferson Avenue • Springfield, Missouri 65802  
Phone: 417/269-3401 • [admissions@coxcollege.edu](mailto:admissions@coxcollege.edu)

### Program application periods:

Fall Entry – March 1<sup>st</sup>  
ASN and BSN Entry

Spring Entry – September 1<sup>st</sup>  
ASN, BSN Entry and BSN Accelerated

Approximately 50 seats per program, per semester will be available.  
Seats will be filled by the first qualified applicants.

## Associate of Science in Nursing

<u>ASN General Education Requirements</u>	<u>Credit Hours</u>	<u>ASN Nursing Courses</u>	<u>Credit Hours</u>
_____ BIOL 208	Microbiology*		
_____ BIOL 205	Human Anatomy*		
_____ BIOL 206	Human Physiology*		
_____ BIOL 302	Principles of Nutrition*		
_____ CHEM 103	Fundamentals of Chemistry		
_____ ENG 150	English Composition		
_____ PHIL 201	Introduction to Philosophy		
_____ PSYC 101	Introduction to Psychology		
_____ SOCI 101	Introduction to Sociology		
_____ INFM 160	Computer Resources		
_____ MATH 150	Intermediate Algebra**		
_____ CCPL 100	Promoting Learning & Ultimate Success**		
*Denotes Science course			
**See college catalog for math proficiency & CCPL course requirements			
<b>Total General Education: 32 credit hours</b>			
<b>Total Nursing courses: 38 credit hours</b>			
		<b>First Semester – Nursing Program</b>	
		NURS 100 Introduction to Nursing Skills	2
		NURS 105 Clinical Applications I	5
		<b>Second Semester – Nursing Program</b>	
		NURS 106 Clinical Applications II	8
		NURS 210 Pharmacological Basis of Nursing Practice	3
		<b>Third Semester – Nursing Program</b>	
		NURS 206 Clinical Applications III	8
		NURS 307 Perspectives on Aging and the Older Adult	3
		<b>Fourth Semester – Nursing Program</b>	
		NURS 207 Concepts of Professional Practice	1
		NURS 208 Clinical Applications IV	8

## Program Application Requirements

1. Submission of Cox College Nursing Program Application.
2. Completion of Intermediate Algebra or higher or prove math proficiency. Proficiency met with a 22 or higher on Math portion of ACT or 70% of higher on Math portion of TEAS.
3. A minimum of a 2.75 cumulative GPA is required to apply. A minimum of 2.5 cumulative GPA for core science courses. Science courses include: Human Anatomy, Human Physiology, Microbiology and Nutrition.
4. Must have at least 1 core science and 3 additional general education courses to apply. A minimum of 12 credit hours completed. Intermediate Algebra does not count towards the 12 credit minimum.
5. Take HESI A2 exam. To be scheduled through the Academic Resource Center after submission of program application.
6. Applicants may be interviewed based on the recommendation of the faculty and the Undergraduate Nursing Department Chair.

## Benefits of ASN Program

- The ASN Program is a quicker plan of study to become a nurse. The courses are completed in 2 years/4 semesters allowing you to work as an RN while continuing to work toward a BSN if desired. Many health care institutions offer tuition assistance for employees wishing to further their education so there is the potential you would have financial assistance to gain your BSN.
- Strong results on NCLEX: NCLEX pass rates: 98.25% (4 semester average).
- Great for students who need more flexibility due to obligations like family, jobs, etc. Semester plan of study is average of 9-10 credit hours per semester, allowing more time to work and spend with your family.
- Three step approach to learning: lecture, skills training, and hands-on clinical practice within CoxHealth.
- State of the Art Simulation Center located on campus that offers “real-life” situations where students can practice in a controlled environment.
- Small class size: 40 students are admitted each semester.

## Bachelors of Science in Nursing

<b>General Education Requirements</b>		<b>Credit Hours</b>	<b>BSN Entry Nursing Courses</b>		<b>Credit Hours</b>
_____	BIOL 208 Microbiology*+	4	NRSI 200	Introduction to Professional Nursing+	3
_____	BIOL 205 Human Anatomy*+	4	<b>First Semester – Nursing Program</b>		
_____	BIOL 206 Human Physiology*+	4	NRSI 202	Foundations of Professional Nursing	7
_____	BIOL 302 Principles of Nutrition*+	3	NRSI 204	Pharmacological Basis of Nursing Practice	3
_____	BIOL 382 Pathophysiology	3	NRSI 206	Health Assessment	3
_____	CHEM 103 Fundamentals of Chemistry+	4	<b>Second Semester – Nursing Program</b>		
_____	ENG 150 English Composition+	3	NRSI 212	Mental Health/Illness Nursing concepts	4
_____	ENG 207 Expository Writing+	3	NRSI 302	Adult Medical Surgical Nursing I	8
_____	GOVT 101 Gov & Politics in the U.S.	3	NRSI 306	Aging and the Older Adult	2
_____	HUMN 150 Humanities Elective	3	<b>Third Semester – Nursing Program</b>		
_____	MATH 227 Introduction to Statistics	3	NRSI 300	Nursing Informatics	2
_____	PHIL 201 Introduction to Philosophy	3	NRSI 304	Care of Childbearing Families	4
_____	PSYC 101 Introduction to Psychology+	3	NRSI 305	Care of Childrearing Families	4
_____	PSYC 230 Life Span Development+	3	NRSI 400	Theories and Research in Nursing	3
_____	SOCI 101 Introduction to Sociology+	3	<b>Fourth Semester – Nursing Program</b>		
_____	SOCI 304 Global Awareness & Cultural Diversity 3	3	NRSI 310	Adult Medical Surgical Nursing II	8
_____	CCPL 100 Promoting Learning & Success***	1	NRSI 404	Community and Public Health Nursing	6
_____	MATH 150 Intermediate Algebra***	3	NRSI 490	Nursing Elective	1
_____	NURS 200 Introduction to Professional Nursing+	3	<b>Fifth Semester – Nursing Program</b>		
*Denotes Science course			NRSI 402	Management and Leadership in Nursing	4
**See college catalog for proficiency requirements			NRSI 406	Trend, Issues, and Ethics in Nursing	3
+ Must be complete prior to the start of the nursing program.			NRSI 410	Nursing Capstone	7
<b>Total General Education: 56 credit hours</b>					
<b>Total Nursing courses: 72 credit hours</b>					

## Program Application Requirements

1. Submission of Cox College Nursing Program Application.
2. Completion of Intermediate Algebra or higher or prove math proficiency. Proficiency met with a 22 or higher on Math portion of ACT or 70% of higher on Math portion of TEAS.
3. A minimum of a 2.75 cumulative GPA and 37 credit hours (minimum) must be completed to apply.
4. A minimum of a 2.5 science cumulative GPA is required to apply. Courses included: Microbiology, Human Anatomy, Human Physiology, and Nutrition.
5. Take HESI A2 exam. To be scheduled through the Academic Resource Center after submission of program application.
6. Applicants may be interviewed based on the recommendation of the faculty and the Undergraduate Nursing Department Chair.

## Benefits of BSN Program

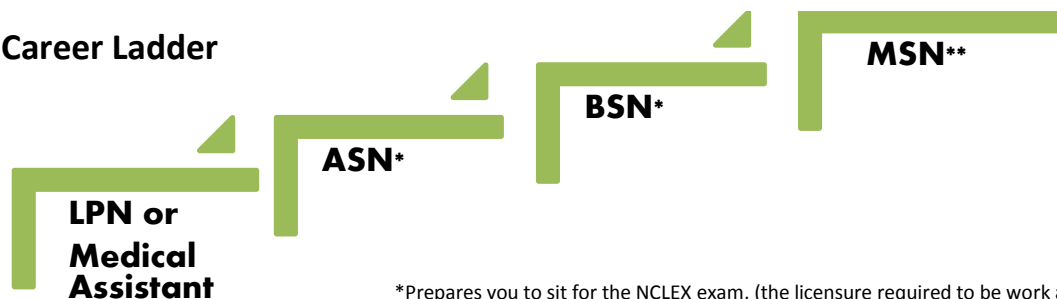
- The BSN program encompasses all of the course work taught in the ASN program plus a more in-depth treatment of the physical and social sciences, nursing research, public and community health, nursing management, and the humanities.
- Strong results on NCLEX: NCLEX pass rates: 88% (4 year average)
- State of the Art Simulation Center located on campus that offers “real-life” situations where students can practice in a controlled environment.
- Three step approach to learning: lecture, skills training, and hands-on clinical practice within CoxHealth.
- Program length: Once accepted into the nursing program, the program will take 5 semesters/2.5-years to complete.
- Small class size: 40 students are admitted each semester.

## Bachelors of Science in Nursing – Accelerated Track

- **Must have completed a baccalaureate degree by the application deadline.**
- All listed general education course must be completed by start of the nursing program. Must have a minimum combined GPA of 2.75 or higher for the required general education courses and combined Science GPA of 2.5 or higher for completed science courses to apply.
- Take HESI A2 exam. To be scheduled through the Academic Resource Center after submission of program application.
- Qualified applicants will be interviewed once they meet the above requirements.
- Once accepted into the nursing program, the program will take 16 months to complete.
- NCLEX pass rates: 99% (5 year average)
- Small class size: 32 accepted once a year with 60-75 applying for those spots.

<u>General Education Requirements</u>		<u>Credit Hours</u>	<u>Nursing Courses</u>		<u>Credit Hours</u>	
_____	BIOL 208	Microbiology	4	<b>First Semester – Nursing Program</b>		
_____	BIOL 205	Human Anatomy	4	NRSA 203	Foundations of Professional Nursing	7
_____	BIOL 206	Human Physiology	4	NRSA 204	Pharmacological Basis of Nursing Practice	3
_____	BIOL 302	Principles of Nutrition	3	NRSA 206	Health Assessment	3
_____	BIOL 382	Pathophysiology	3	NRSA 300	Nursing Informatics	2
_____	CHEM 103	Fundamentals of Chemistry	4	NRSA 400	Theories and Research in Nursing	3
_____	MATH 227	Introduction to Statistics	3	<b>Second Semester – Nursing Program</b>		
_____	PSYC 101	Introduction to Psychology	3	NRSA 212	Mental Health/Illness Nursing concepts	4
_____	PSYC 230	Life Span Development	3	NRSA 302	Adult Medical Surgical Nursing I	8
_____	SOCI 101	Introduction to Sociology	3	NRSA 306	Aging and the Older Adult	2
<b>Total General Education: 34 credit hours</b>			<b>Third Semester – Nursing Program</b>			
<b>Total Nursing courses: 68 credit hours</b>			NRSA 304	Care of Childbearing Families	4	
			NRSA 305	Care of Childrearing Families	4	
			NRSA 402	Management and Leadership in Nursing	4	
			NRSA 404	Community and Public Health Nursing	6	
			<b>Fourth Semester – Nursing Program</b>			
			NRSA 310	Adult Medical Surgical Nursing II	3	
			NRSA 406	Trend, Issues, and Ethics in Nursing	3	
			NRSA 410	Nursing Capstone	7	

### Nursing Career Ladder



\*Prepares you to sit for the NCLEX exam, (the licensure required to be work as a Registered Nurse.)  
 \*\*Bachelors of Science in Nursing degree required to enter program.

### How do you become a Registered Nurse?

To work as a registered nurse (RN) you must first obtain an Associate of Science or Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree. Graduates will be prepared to take the National Council Licensure Examination for Registered Nurses (NCLEX-RN). After passing this examination, you will be able to begin your career as an RN.

### What are the job placement rates for Cox College students?

Registered Nurses are in high demand and so are Cox College students. Of the students surveyed at time of graduation, 88% of our nursing students had accepted a job offer.